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SUBJECT: SALT BACKGROUNDER LITIGATION

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1. ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES IN HALPERIN FOI ACTION  
MUST BE FILED IN COURT MONDAY MORNING. DEPARTMENT HAS  
DETERMINED THAT IN YOUR ABSENCE TOM STERN WILL SIGN  
ANSWERS AS ACTING DIRECTOR PM. HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT  
SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE CABLED YOUR APPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE  
OF THE ANSWERS AS SET FORTH BELOW. WHILE THERE HAVE  
BEEN LANGUAGE CHANGES WE SEE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE THAT  
SHOULD BE OF CONCERN. WE NEED YOUR APPROVAL OR COMMENTS  
BY RETURN CABLE.

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2. ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD A BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR INVITED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ON DECEMBER 3 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. UNQUOTE.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

QUOTE: THERE IS A LIST OF THOSE REPORTERS WHO ATTENDED THE BACKGROUND BRIEFING. UNQUOTE.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

QUOTE: THE LIST OF ALL THOSE REPORTERS WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ATTENDED THE BACKGROUND BRIEFING IS AS FOLLOWS: KEN FREED, HENRY KEYS, MARVIN KALB, RICHARD VALERIANI, TED KOPPEL, BERNARD GWERTZMAN, MURREY MARDER, CARROLL KILPATRICK, MEL ELFIN, HUGH SIDEY, CROSBY NOYES, JERRY O'LEARY, HENRY TREWHITT, STAN CARTER, JOHN WALLACH, FRANK STARR, ROBERT HAY, RICHARD BOYCE, ROBERT KEATLEY, JAMES MC CARTNEY, DAVID KRASLOW, PETER LISAGOR, RICHARD RESTON, MARQUIS CHILDS, HOWARD HANDLEMAN, JOHN OSBORNE, ALEXANDER SULLIVAN, LARS NELSON, BERNARD ULLMANN, HANS HOEFER, JAMES ANDERSON, AND JAMES HALL. THE NAMES OF ALL OTHERS WHO ATTENDED ARE AS FOLLOWS: ROBERT ANDERSON, ROBERT MC CLOSKEY, PAUL HARE AND RON NESSEN. UNQUOTE.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

QUOTE: SHORTLY AFTER THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT, SECRETARY KISSINGER ORALLY INFORMED AMBASSADOR ROBERT ANDERSON, HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PRESS RELATIONS, AND AMBASSADOR ROBERT MC CLOSKEY, FORMER DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE WERE TO BRIEF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ON THE SALT AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE BRIEFING WOULD BE ON BACKGROUND, THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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IT, THAT NOTHING SAID BY THE SECRETARY COULD BE USED IN DIRECT QUOTATION OR ATTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO HIM, BUT WAS TO BE PARAPHRASED AND ATTRIBUTED TO "A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL# OR "SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS." ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 2, 1974, THE SECRETARY TOLD MESSRS. ANDERSON AND MC CLOSKEY THAT HE WISHED TO INCLUDE JOURNALISTS OUTSIDE THE USUAL GROUP OF WORKING REPORTERS WHO REGULARLY COVER THE DEPARTMENT.

QUOTE: A LIST OF NEWSMEN WAS SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL; THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE INFORMED AMBASSADOR ANDERSON THAT THE LIST WAS ACCEPTABLE AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO BEGIN INVITING PEOPLE TO ATTEND, AS THE BRIEFING WAS

SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED BY TELEPHONE BY THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PRESS RELATIONS, JOHN KING AND PAUL HARE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS WAS THAT

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON INVITED THE FIVE COLUMNISTS ON THE SECRETARY'S BEHALF. UNQUOTE.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 5:

QUOTE: ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE BRIEFING WERE IDENTIFIED BY AND PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EITHER MESSRS. ANDERSON, MC CLOSKEY OR HARE. UNQUOTE.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

QUOTE: YES. THE FOLLOWING REPORTERS, REPRESENTING FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES, WHO REGULARLY COVER THE STATE DEPARTMENT WERE INVITED: BERNARD ULLMAN, AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE; AND HANS HOEFER, DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR. UNQUOTE

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

QUOTE: YES. BERNARD ULLMANN OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE AND HANS HOEFER OF DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR -- REPORTERS WHO REGULARLY COVER THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR NEWS AGENCIES. UNQUOTE

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ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

QUOTE: NO LIST WAS MAINTAINED OF THOSE REPORTERS WHO WERE GIVEN ACCESS TO A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE PRESS BACKGROUNDER, BUT OUR BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION IS THAT ONLY TWO OR THREE NEWSMEN ASKED TO SEE THE TRANSCRIPT. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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